

# POLISH ARMY IS REPORTED MARCHING ON BERLIN AND GERMAN A DIVISION IS ORDERED TO MEET THE INVADERS

Poles Are Said to Have Entered Frankfurt-on-the-Oder, a Place 50 Miles East of Berlin, According to a Report from Berne, Switzerland, to London.

## POLES HAVE CAPTURED TOWN IN PRUSSIAN SILESIA

### BROMBERG IN POSEN IS ALSO OCCUPIED

German Troops in Posen May Be Compelled to Retreat Before the Superior Forces of the Poles.

Copenhagen, Jan. 2.—A Polish army of thirty thousand men is marching on Berlin, according to a dispatch received here, quoting rumors at the German capital, Gustav Noske, member of the Ebert cabinet, in charge of military affairs, is said to have ordered the 5th German division to meet the Poles.

London, Jan. 2.—Polish troops have entered Frankfurt-on-the-Oder, fifty miles east of Berlin, says a Bern dispatch to the Express, which adds that the Poles have occupied Reuthen, in Prussian Silesia, and Bromberg, in the province of Posen, 6 miles northeast of the Posen city.

### POLISH INFANTRY IS WELL ARMED

Germans Are Re-Arming Demobilized Troops and Are Preparing to Resist the Invaders.

Geneva, Jan. 2.—The Polish army, which is marching toward Berlin, has as its object "a tearing raid into Germany," according to the Polish agency at Lausanne. The infantry is well armed and is supported by artillery and cavalry. The infantry already has occupied important railway centers, including Kreuz-Driesen and Posenau, and has captured a large amount of railway stock with little resistance. The Germans are re-arming demobilized troops and fighting is expected, although some of the demobilized soldiers are refusing to serve.

The agency says that the German railways are disorganized and there is possibility of a well-organized Polish army reaching Berlin.

### FIGHTING IN POSEN.

Fortress Occupied by Poles, Who Have Also Disarmed 20,000 Germans.

Warsaw, Tuesday, Dec. 31 (By the Associated Press).—Fighting has continued here and there in the city of Posen, German Poland, between Polish and German troops in the past few days. The fortress of the city has been occupied by the Poles, while more than 20,000 German soldiers have been disarmed. The 6th German grenadier regiment has refused to surrender and is surrounded in a barracks within the city. German troops sent into the city were disarmed on their arrival at the railway station. The Polish population is reported to be aiding the Polish troops. They include boys scouts and young men.

The fighting is of a house-to-house nature and there is no accurate estimate of the number killed and wounded.

Ignace Jan Paderewski, who arrived in Posen several days ago, is delaying his departure for Warsaw in order to have a conference with German delegates from Berlin.

### POLES SUPPRESS GERMAN.

Grave Condition for Germany in Posen Is Reported.

Copenhagen, Jan. 2.—Events in Posen are assuming a grave character, according to advices from Berlin. Large parts of the province are in the hands of the Poles, and Polish troops have crossed the frontier at Skalmyrow, a town southeast of Posen and sixty-two miles northeast of Breslau. German troops there must, it is stated, retreat in the face of a superior force of the Poles. It is also reported that the Polish government at Warsaw has ordered the mobilization of all Poles.

### SUSPECT BEING QUIZZED

But There Have Been No Developments in Philadelphia Bomb Cases.

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—Mayor Smith for a time took personal charge of the work of investigating the mysterious bomb explosions which partly wrecked three houses in this city on Monday night, but if a clue developed its nature is not known. The mayor talked for an hour with Edward Moore, the suspect under arrest.

A development was the return to duty of James Robinson, superintendent of police. Robinson had been absent on leave while serving in the quartermaster's department of the army and William B. Mills has been acting as superintendent. One of the bombs partly wrecked Mills' home. Director of Public Safety Wilson to-day issued an order restoring Robinson to his command and he immediately took the lead in the hunt for the perpetrators of the bomb outrage, replacing Mills.

### POLAND IN DESPAIR OVER BOLSHEVIKI

Invasion of Their Country and Apparent Indifference of Western Powers Make a Serious Plight.

London, Jan. 2.—Poland is in despair, owing to the invasion of bolshevist troops and the apparent indifference of the western powers to the plight of the country, according to a Warsaw dispatch to the Mail.

"Telegrams are sent, begging intervention by the allies," the dispatch says, "but no reply came. The Poles admit the immensity of the numerous problems absorbing the allies, but complain that they do not receive the least sign of attention, or a word of guidance."

After dealing with the bolshevist menace to Lemberg, Vilna and other places, the correspondent says the situation is made worse by internal disorder in Poland. Factories in all the industrial towns have been destroyed by the Germans and thousands of Poles who were sent to Germany during the war are returning to find there is no employment for them. They are taking the law in their own hands, it is said, and are terrorizing their former employers, compelling them to give them money.

Lodz is in the hands of the red guard, which has shot some of the officers of the regular troops. The government, headed by Joseph Pilsudski is weak, the correspondent says.

The correspondent concludes by urging the immediate return of General Haller's Polish army from France.

### A PROTEST PARADE.

Was Held in Berlin By the Christian People's Party.

Berlin, Wednesday, Jan. 1.—Three thousand members of the newly organized Christian people's party, which succeeds the former centrists, marched to the ministry of religion and education in Unter den Linden this noon and vehemently protested against the administration of Adolf Hoffmann, independent socialist, who has become unpopular in church circles because of his attempted legislation opposing religious liberty in parochial schools. The demonstration was under the leadership of Secretary Pfeiffer, of the Christian people's party, who is a candidate for the national assembly.

Pfeiffer demanded the overthrow of the socialist republic and the establishment of a free democracy. There were shouts of "Put out Hoffmann, who cannot read or write German," but the radical minister of arts, science and religion was not to be seen. The crowd then moved to the chancellery's palace, where it called for Premier Ebert, but no cabinet ministers were visible.

### URGENT RATIFICATION.

Gov. Bartlett of New Hampshire Also Favored Reduced Commissions.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 2.—Governor John H. Bartlett, in his inaugural address to the legislature to-day, suggested that the public service commission be gradually reduced to a single member and urged that there should be but one member of the tax commission instead of three. Opportunities for elementary education should be the same everywhere in the state, even if the state itself paid for it in the poorer towns, Gov. Bartlett declared.

He urged unanimous ratification of the federal prohibition amendment; efforts to keep all workers employed during the transition period; care for the interest of returning soldiers and of dependents of soldiers who fell; and a budget system for state finances.

### LIEBKNECHT VOTED DOWN.

He Advocated Spartacus Participation in Election to National Assembly.

Copenhagen, Jan. 2.—Dr. Karl Liebknecht was given a sharp defeat in the Spartacus congress at Berlin on Tuesday, according to advices received here. Dr. Liebknecht advocated participation by the Spartacus element in the election of members of the national assembly, on the ground that the party might be able to influence the composition of the assembly. Rosa Luxemburg, one of the Spartacus leaders, replied in a violent speech, declaring, amid thunderous applause, "that meeting of the national assembly must be prevented at all costs." Dr. Liebknecht's proposal was rejected by a vote of 63 to 23.

### WARSHIPS RETURN TO BOSTON.

Destroyers Tucker and Drayton and Converted Yacht Isabel.

Boston, Jan. 2.—The destroyers Tucker and Drayton and the converted yacht Isabel arrived here to-day from overseas, where they have been on patrol duty. These are the first American war vessels to come directly to this port from European waters since the conclusion of hostilities.

Appointed Administratrix. Mrs. Pearl P. Wasson of Waterbury has been appointed by the probate court as administratrix with will annexed of the estate of Watson L. Wasson, late of Waterbury.

### GOV. COOLIDGE IN OFFICE.

Directs Attention of Massachusetts to Problems of Construction.

Boston, Jan. 2.—The attention of the legislature was directed to problems of reconstruction by Governor Calvin Coolidge in his inaugural address to-day.

"Massachusetts happily may not need such reconstruction, but like all living organizations, forever needs continuing construction," the governor said.

"Housing and working conditions are a matter of the gravest public concern. If in any respect you find conditions bearing too heavily upon those who toil, do what you can for their relief."

The governor touched on the question of law and order, saying: "There are a few misguided people who are the enemies of all order and all organized society. We recognize the right of speech to be free but not blasphemous, and the right by action to change but not to oppose the execution of laws. Public display of any emblem signifying hostility to the execution of the law is a denial of the sovereignty of the people and should be forbidden."

Speaking on transportation, particularly as concerns street railways, Gov. Coolidge said: "It is recommended that there be at once a survey of the street railway situation by experts to report the amount of deficiency in revenue, the amount of taxes and other public charges paid, and what, if any, part of the deficiency should be met by remission of taxes and public charges and by appropriations of money coupled with public control of the localities and the commonwealth, in order to keep necessary transportation facilities in operation."

He urged that provision be made for the proper employment of returning soldiers and care for men who are incapacitated; that a service medal be given each man and that laws providing relief for men who have heretofore served in the land and naval forces of the country be extended to include those who have served in the present war.

### EX-KAISER HAS FEVER; CANNOT LEAVE ROOM

An Eminent Specialist from Utrecht Is Said to Be in Constant Attendance Upon Him.

Amsterdam, Jan. 2.—William Hohenzollern, the former emperor of Germany, is very ill, according to advices from Amberg. He cannot leave his room, it is said, and is suffering from a bad cold. It is stated that he has a high fever. An eminent specialist from Utrecht is in constant attendance.

Only the former empress, the specialist and two attendants are permitted to enter his room, it is reported.

### 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Was Observed By Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Annis of Chelsea.

Chelsea, Jan. 2.—A gala occasion indeed was the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Annis which was celebrated at their home on the Chelsea west hill Dec. 31. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

A bountiful chicken-pie supper was served at 4 o'clock for the guests of the afternoon, and an oyster supper was served in the late hours of the evening. At the latter a beautiful wedding cake, made by Mrs. Titus of Lisbon, N. H., was cut by the bride of fifty years ago.

Fifty dollars in gold was presented to the worthy couple by the Masons, the presentation speech being made by the worthy master, to which Mr. and Mrs. Annis feelingly responded. Later in the evening other gifts and money were presented, making the amount about \$200.

A program, consisting of music and readings, was given, during which the honored couple were seated under a golden canopy of gold and silver spoons which were festooned with garlands.

There were about 100 guests present and among those from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Seth Titus of Lisbon, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Richardson of Barre.

### DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK.

J. G. Frattini Was Sworn in at Montpelier.

J. G. Frattini was sworn in at the county clerk's office Jan. 1 as deputy county clerk and commenced his duties in that office. Mr. Frattini will also have his law office in the county clerk's office, where he has opened the office of law, which he was obliged to close for a time during which he was in the army. He was discharged a few weeks ago. Mr. Frattini was associated for some time with Burns & Lang in the insurance business. Later he opened an office for himself.

ROBERT C. BACON DEAD.

Well-Known Lawyer and Recently Chairman of Public Service Commission.

Word came to the State House at Montpelier to-day of the death of Robert C. Bacon, a lawyer and until recently chairman of the Vermont public service commission. Mr. Bacon had been ill two days with pneumonia.

State Treasurer Walter F. Scott is ill with bronchitis at the home of C. W. Scott in Montpelier.

CREW TAKEN OFF.

The Lumber Schooner Marjorie Austen Ashore in Bay of Fundy.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 2.—The schooner Marjorie Austen, a new vessel, is ashore near Apple River light, Bay of Fundy. The crew has been taken off. The vessel carried lumber.

Central Motor Co. of Montpelier.

The Central Motor company of Montpelier has organized by the election of Harry Soper, president, and treasurer, and Leroy Pichard as vice-president and secretary.

## SHIP PROGRAM IS UNDER FIRE

Investigation of Hog Island Is Extended to the Whole Work of Shipping Board

### SEEK EXPLANATION OF SLOW CONSTRUCTION

Senate Wants to Know Why No Transports Are Being Turned Out

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—Extension of its investigation of the Hog Island shipyard to a general inquiry into the accomplishments of the shipping board was voted to-day by the Senate commerce committee, by adopting a resolution calling on the board to furnish it with information relative to all of its work since the shipbuilding program was undertaken. Senator Nelson also called on the emergency fleet corporation to give the committee information relative to published reports that the ship program had slowed up and that no troop transports had been turned out by the fleet corporation.

Charles Piez, director-general of the fleet corporation, present to testify at the hearing, said deliveries had been slowed up to give the corporation an opportunity to ascertain whether peace conditions would bring about a change in the specifications of ships.

The fleet corporation has decided not to take over the Hog Island yard at this time, Mr. Piez told the committee. The decision was reached Monday after a conference of officials of the American International Shipbuilding corporation in view of a marked improvement in conditions at Hog Island.

### IT WAS 26 BELOW AT WILLISTON, N. D.

The Cold Blast Is Expected to Strike the East To-night and To-morrow—Unseasonably Low Temperatures Are Predicted.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—The cold wave sweeping across the country from the Northwest will cause a decided drop in temperatures east of the Mississippi river to-night and to-morrow, bringing the coldest weather of the winter, it is said. Williston, N. D., at 8 o'clock this morning, was the coldest place on the weather map, the thermometer there standing at 26 degrees below zero. In the upper Mississippi valley, the plains states and Rocky mountain and plateau regions, below-zero temperatures prevailed.

Rain subsequently changing to snow in southern New England and rains to-night and to-morrow in a few Atlantic states will be followed by unseasonably low temperatures, but the low mark of last winter is not expected to be reached in many parts of the East.

### PROSPECT OF SNOW.

Breaks the Very Mild Spell in Eastern States.

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—Abnormally mild weather for this time of year prevails along the Atlantic coast, though the weather bureau believes the blizzard conditions in the west will cause lower temperatures here to-morrow or Saturday.

At midnight the thermometer registered 56 above in Philadelphia, compared with a maximum of 60 yesterday. By noon to-day the temperature had dropped to 43 with a prospect of snow to-night.

### CHURCH DEBT REDUCED.

Barre Universalist Society Had Good Year in Spite of Handicaps.

The annual business meeting and parish supper of the First Universalist society was held in the church vestry last evening. A supper by the ladies' union at 6 o'clock was followed by the routine business. Reports read by officers of the society showed a very successful year in spite of the many difficulties. The large attendance present listened with interest to the financial condition of the church. During the year disbursements totalling \$3,494.88 have been paid and the indebtedness has been reduced \$570. There is also a balance of \$40 remaining in the treasury's hands, to begin a very promising year.

Unity of spirit and co-operation was noticeable and members look forward to a year filled with even greater accomplishments. The following officers were unanimously confirmed: Moderator, Harvey Averill; clerk, Mrs. Mabel Cole; trustees, E. M. Tobin, C. B. Gladding, W. C. Reynolds, H. E. Cutler, Harvey E. Averill and Dr. F. M. Lynde. The appointive officers will be named later.

The quarterly business meeting of the church follows to-night at 7:30 in the church vestry.

Rev. J. B. Beardon, the present pastor, will continue his work as such for the year to come.

### MRS. HARRY O. STAFFORD.

Former Barre Woman Died in Burlington Yesterday.

Mrs. Harry O. Stafford of 525 Willard street, Burlington, died suddenly at her home yesterday morning at 2:45 a. m., after failing in health for about a year. She was born in this city April 4, 1861, and passed all of her life here until her marriage about two years ago, since which time she has resided in Burlington.

Mrs. Stafford leaves besides her husband, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brechin of 1 Webster street; two brothers, James Alexander and Henry Russell of this city, and a sister, Marguerite, of Burlington.

Deceased was a highly esteemed member of the Rebekahs and her loss will be sadly mourned by that lodge and everyone who knew her.

Private prayers will be held at the home of her parents Saturday at 2 p. m., and at the Presbyterian church at 2:30. Rev. Edgar Crossland will officiate at both.

Interment will be in the Elmwood cemetery.

## BOOKKEEPING RATHER LAX

According to the Testimony Brought Out in Trial of the Williams Case

### AUDITOR'S DATES SHOW DISCREPANCY

Auditor Gates Asked Bank Commissioner to Attend to Graham Accounts

State Auditor Benjamin Gates was on the stand in Washington county court to-day in the trial of the case of State vs. Bank Commissioner F. C. Williams of Newport, who is charged with malfeasance in office in not reporting conditions in the auditor's office while H. F. Graham was auditor. It was brought out in the testimony that Mr. Gates had no personal knowledge of what vouchers Graham presented to Williams to cover expenditures of money. He only knew as far as the records showed, and the defense made an effort to show by Mr. Gates that vouchers might be moved.

The state objected to the question, declaring that from the question it was apparent that the defense intended to defend on the ground of padded vouchers. Considerable argument developed relative to allowing the witness to express an opinion about the vouchers being placed in the files or removed.

The defense took an exception to the ruling of the court in refusing the defense the right to cross examine the witness about the vouchers he had presented, and when asked what he was trying to show the defending attorney said the question explained itself. Attorney General Barber interjected a remark relative to the conduct of the respondent's case and J. Ward Carver, attorney for the respondent, advised the attorney general that the defense needed no help from the state in conducting its case.

Two files were presented, one for \$100 and one for \$200, in which there was a discrepancy between the date of recording on the daybook and ledger, as compared with the record on the files. The files date was almost a year later than on the books. The same discrepancy appeared relative to \$300 drawn to Graham under date of July 19, 1912, and entered on the ledger as of July 29, 1912, while the files showed the recording occurred May 22, 1913. On an order for \$500 there also appeared to be a difference of several months between the date on file and on the records. A similar difference was noted in other instances.

An effort was made by the defense this morning to show the looseness of the system, which is employed in the auditor's office, in making advances to the state officers; and Mr. Carver offered to show through Mr. Gates that it was the system of the office to make advances to the state officials and that the practice had prevailed for a long time.

When asked to explain further relative to the matter, he stated that he would offer to show that very large sums of money are advanced on the appropriations of the departments to state officials and that in the present regime as much as \$300,000 has been advanced to state officers. He made an effort to present this as showing a practice long before Graham came into office.

The state tried to prevent the introduction of this evidence, claiming it had no such effect. The defense argued that the court had allowed the state to present evidence showing that the system of making advances in Graham's account had covered a period before Williams came into office, and that now the defense wanted to show that it was done in other accounts, as well as Graham's. The court took a matter under consideration during the noon hour, although it ruled against the defense relative to the general scope of the matter; but it ruled that certain parts of the system were admissible. The state took exceptions.

Mr. Gates testified that he learned in 1917 of the alleged shortage in the office of the auditor, which was held at a brief session on the matter in 1915 when the conversation occurred between Joslyn and Williams. Mr. Barber, in opposing the asking of the questions relative to Mr. Gates' conversation with Williams, complimented Mr. Carver upon the adroitness with which Carver put his questions, which brought a smile over the faces of those in the court room.

### Auditor Gates Talked with Williams About Graham Matter.

Auditor Gates testified yesterday afternoon that he conversed with Williams about the alleged shortage of Mr. Graham and that Williams told him that he had tried to have the matter adjusted and that he had written Graham about the matter. This first conversation took place in March or April, 1918. He had heard Williams and Joslyn talking about the matter in the vault and he went there and asked Williams what he was going to do about the account. Williams told him that the governor had promised to fix it and that he wanted the matter fixed up. Williams admitted having knowledge of it preceding that time and stated that he had talked to the governor about the matter and that he had known about it for several years.

The witness testified they had talked about it at times since then but he (Gates) could not tell just when they had talked about the accounts in a general way but not in detail. Williams promised to make an effort towards an adjustment and (Williams) told the witness he had seen Graham about the matter and had written him about it.

Considerable time was used up with the discussion of the two items which were advanced to the highway department, the one for \$1,300 and the other for \$1,800. Mr. Gates testified there was no way that he knew of in which the vouchers could be filed showing a credit. Mr. Gates drew a laugh from the spectators and court officers. The court asked Mr. Gates relative to what appeared on the orders named for the above sums. (The orders had been a gross deal of argument between counsel relative to the nature of the vouchers and the nature of the orders being the best evidence and the court was called upon to rule frequently.) Mr. Gates replied that "the orders were the best evidence, he believed." The orders were introduced as evidence.

Mr. Gates testified at some length upon details of the orders. He stated he knew of no way in which the credits could be given for the money drawn on the highway department, one of which is backed through the firm in which Mr. Graham has been interested. The only way in which money could be realized upon them, according to the auditor, was by cashing them. Records were introduced to show that the orders came back to the department promptly and were promptly entered upon the books.

John Wallace also occupied a part of yesterday afternoon. His testimony was more particularly along the line of keeping records since he was the auditor's bookkeeper. He explained the records on the books, including the statement that the day book was the book of first record, which the defense urged was the best record. He testified that in 1914 there was an overcredit in favor of Graham, amounting to \$401.44 and in 1915 an overcredit of \$507.44. He was asked to state whether there had been any changes on the records. He thought of an item appearing under date of \$987.47 had been changed but he was not sure in the matter. The total balance against Graham June 30, 1916, according to the witness, was \$3,393.91. Mr. Wallace also explained the keeping of the records to the jury.

Deputy Auditor Joslyn testified yesterday afternoon that he did not carry the balance against Graham forward because he was directed not to do so by D. T. Hanley, then deputy auditor, now state purchasing agent and under indictment.

## PART OF MEN OUT AT HARDWICK

Firms Signed the New Bill and Their Men Are Working

### PERHAPS 40 OR 50 WERE IDLE TO-DAY

There Seems to Have Been a Misunderstanding Over the Barre Scale

Hardwick, Jan. 2.—Part of the workers in the granite plants of Hardwick were not working to-day because of a disagreement over wages. A proposed bill was presented by the employees three months ago, asking for a minimum of six dollars a day. This bill was signed by a few of the firms, it is understood, and the employees in those plants were still working to-day, numbering perhaps 20 men.

When the other firms did not sign the bill before Jan. 2 their employees refused to go to work. It is thought that between 40 and 50 men were idle to-day. The Woodbury Granite Co. has been shut down for a week because of the holidays. There seems to have been more or less misunderstanding of the conditions in Barre to account for the local situation.

It was thought by some of the parties that a wage scale of \$6 a day went into effect in Barre to-day, but a message from that city, from an authoritative source, notified the local parties that the scale which went into effect to-day called for a minimum of \$5.52. It is thought that the local difficulties will be fixed up before long.

### AN ARMISTICE SIGNED Between Squag Holler and Goose Green for the Coming Theatricals.

The signing of an armistice between the Goose Green and Squag Holler for the period embracing the coming theatricals is announced in the following letter from the combined camps to Treasurer James Mackay of the Barre City Hospital:

Squag Holler—Jan. second, Hospital, Barre.

Dere Jimmie—Goll ding the luck, Jim, sence our letter of yistirdy a bigg snowstorm hev kum an bawled us awl up the tite. Awl the roads from here tew Goose Green an the holler are Green rollers tew help out. An bi Hok, Jim the Green boys acted kinder strange for once, an we haint lettin them kno butt tewtix us an me we cudnt git down tew the rehearsals without their help.

Rite erabout this time gud naturd Will Duthy, our draymatick manygus, asked the Green boys tew jump on an take part. Awl dew yu kno, them fellows juss passed sum eider crams a few times an yu cudnt gess that their hed ever bin any hard feelings tween the Holler an Green.

Hi Crackey, weth that combynashun of talent yu an yore citizuns will see the greatest monomoplie of real actors evur brung targed to Barre. Zeke Mercer, our popylar inn keepur, is goin tew use bear grease for the next few days as git limburd on tew of tim kondishun.

He mad us promyse that we wud never esk him ergin tew erpere befur the publik, an so et iz our entenshun ter mak this the las gran performence of the Green's own Denman Thompson. Zeke never wud let us on yu kin tel how yore loostments thet erlone will be worth the pryce both nites on his fare-the-wel erperence.

Alfalfa Jackum he donatin his services weth the bear grease tew git Zeke's rheumatik jints limburd for the evring. An Jimmie, betwix us an me Zeke her sines butt hot stuff for his disappearance an we haint lettin him go good stew both nites butt dont let nobody else. We want et for a sorprise.

Tel the City Kounsil that Jan 9 an 10 be the nites. Respectfully yours, Green an Holler Draymatick Monomoplie.

### GROUP MEETING ON NEW YEAR'S.

Two Services and Parish Supper at the Hedding Methodist Church.

On New Year's afternoon, Methodists from Barre and surrounding towns gathered at the Hedding church for one of a series of group meetings, which are being held throughout the Vermont conference, and, in fact, in conferences all over the world. There were several speakers from a distance. In the afternoon, Rev. L. Olin Sherburne of West Berlin gave a comprehensive survey of the centenary movement in Methodism, which is attracting the attention of the world. Rev. Mr. Sherburne said that the centenary program was peculiarly necessary at this time, that our armies had made the world safe for democracy, and that now we must make democracy safe for the world. He declared that if Christians are aroused to their duty and work for Christ's Kingdom, this result will follow. Rev. Stead Thornton of Montgomery followed, touching upon the layman's place in the work of the church.

At 6 o'clock a parish supper was enjoyed, when around 200 sat down to tables spread in the basement of the church. After a brief address to those present, and many remained to the evening service which followed.

Rev. F. A. Woodworth of Swanton took for his subject at the evening session, "Stewardship." He outlined stewardship in its various phases, and occupied the close attention of all. Later, Rev. George A. Martin of St. Johnsbury spoke on "The Spiritual Interpretation of the Centenary." Rev. Mr. Martin's address was much enjoyed and brought forth a quickening sense of the responsibility of all present for the success of the centenary campaign.

### MORE MEMBERS

Reported in the Washington County Red Cross Drive.

More returns have arrived at the office of the county chairman of the Red Cross drive for membership, showing the following members obtained: Cabot, 204; Calais, 188; Berlin, 174; Warren, 129; Woodbury, 62; Worcester, 32. There are still Barre, Montpelier, Morretown, Plainfield, Northfield and Roxbury to make reports.